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In connection with possible measures which might be taken to clampdown on shipments to Cuba Embassy is informed that firms of London and Overseas Freighters, Ltd. and Rethymis and Kulukundis, Ltd. London, are continuing to haul Soviet oil to Cuba. Several owners and directors these firms, for example, B. M. Mavroleon, J. E. G. Kulukundis, M. P. Kulukundis and V. Rethymis, are reportedly American citizens. Their holdings in the US include the Kulukundis Shipping Agency, Mar-Trade Corporation and The United Tanker Corporation, all of New York City.

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Their vessels, LONDON, CONFIDENCE, LONDON MAJESTY, LONDON SPIRIT, LONDON SPLENDOR, PERSEUS and TRITON, either belonging to or chartered by the foregoing firms, are now carrying shipments between USSR and Cuba, according to Lloyd's shipping index of September 5. Furthermore, the firm London and Overseas Freighters, Ltd. has been involved in this trade on a time-charter basis since the Soviets began heavy oil shipments to Cuba.

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